

DETAILED LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A guide for use in medical procedures, comprising:
 - a stem portion extending substantially along a longitudinal axis between a proximal end and a distal end, and having a cross-sectional shape having a recess therein along its length; and
 - first and second extension portions extending outwardly from opposites sides of the distal end of the stem portion, each of said first and second extension portions further comprising a stationary portion that is fixedly coupled to the stem portion and has a substantially planar configuration extending outwardly from the stem portion and a movable portion that has a substantially planar configuration and is movably coupled to the stationary portion substantially only along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the stem and extends along at least a portion of a proximal edge of the stationary portion, the movable portions being movable relative to the respective stationary portions by pivoting about said substantially perpendicular line between a first position wherein the stem portions extends beyond the extension portions by a first distance and the stationary and movable portions lie in substantially the same plane, and a second position wherein the stem portions extends beyond the extension portions by a second distance that is greater than the first distance.
2. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein when the extension portions are in the first position the length of the stem portion that extends beyond the extension portions is approximately 55-65 mm, and wherein when the extension portions are in the second position the length of the stem portion that extends beyond the extension portions is approximately 65-75 mm.
3. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein the cross-section of the stem portion is substantially C-shaped.
4. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein the extension portion further comprises a plurality of gripping elements.

5. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein for each extension portion, the movable portion is bendably coupled to the stationary portion.
6. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein for each extension portion, the movable portion is pivotably coupled to the stationary portion.
7. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein the first and second extension portions extend outwardly from opposite sides of the stem portion to form an angle therebetween of approximately 135 to 180 degrees.
8. (Original) The guide according to claim 1, wherein the first and second extension portions extend outwardly from opposite sides of the stem portion to form an angle therebetween of approximately 45 to 135 degrees.
9. (Currently Amended) A guide for use in a medical procedure to treat female urinary incontinence, said medical procedure involving the use of one or more surgical needles coupled to a tape to be implanted as support for the patient's urethra, the guide comprising:
- a stem portion extending substantially along a longitudinal axis between a proximal end and a distal end and having a cross-section having a recess therein along its longitudinal axis, the recess being shaped to receive therein said one or more surgical needles; and
 - first and second extension portions extending outwardly from opposites sides of the distal end of the stem portion, each of said first and second extension portions further comprising a stationary portion that is fixedly coupled to the stem portion and has a substantially planar configuration extending outwardly from the stem portion, and a movable portion that has a substantially planar configuration and is movably coupled to the stationary portion substantially only along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the stem and extends along at least a portion of a proximal edge of the stationary portion, the movable portions being movable relative to the respective stationary portions by pivoting about said substantially

perpendicular line between a first position wherein the stationary and movable portions lie in substantially the same plane and the stem portions extend beyond the extension portions by a first distance, and a second position wherein the stem portions extend beyond the extension portions by a second distance that is greater than the first distance.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Original) The guide according to claim 9, wherein the stationary portion is fixedly coupled to the stem portion and the movable portion is movably coupled to the stationary portion.

12-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The guide according to claim ~~429~~, wherein in the second position the movable portion is positioned substantially parallel and adjacent to the stationary portion.

15. (Currently Amended) The guide according to claim ~~409~~, wherein the first distance is approximately 55-65 mm and the second distance is approximately 65-75 mm.

16. (Original) The guide according to claim 9, wherein the first and second extension portions extend outwardly from opposite sides of the stem portion to form an angle therebetween of approximately 135 to 180 degrees.

17. (Original) The guide according to claim 9, wherein the first and second extension portions extend outwardly from opposite sides of the stem portion to form an angle of approximately 45 to 135 degrees.

Claims 18-20 (Canceled)